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SUBJECT: SALE OF USS D-H FOX AND USS CHARLES S. SPERRY

TO CHILEAN NAVY

REFS: (A) STATE 239639 (NOTAL); (B) CNO DTGS 152124Z

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1. SUMMARY: GOC ACCEPTS OFFER FOR SALE OF SUBJECT DESTROYERS.

END SUMMARY

2. DURING CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER LATE DECEMBER 7 I INFORMED HIM I HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO OFFER THESE TWO DESTROYERS FOR SALE TO GOC. I SAID I ASSUMED THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD WISH ME TO COVER DETAILS WITH THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND OBTAIN OFFICIAL GOC REPLY FROM HIM. ADMIRAL HUERTA EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THIS NEWS AND CONFIRMED THAT MINISTER OF DEFENSE SHOULD GIVE ME GOC RESPONSE TO OUR OFFER.

3. I REACHED THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE BY TELEPHONE AT 2300 HOURS DECEMBER 7 AND INFORMED HIM OF OFFER IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS REF (B) WITH TRANSFER DATE CHANGE TO 15 JANUARY 74. I TOLD HIM WE WOULD NEED PROMPT GOC DECISION ON ACCEPTANCE OF
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SALE OFFER AND THAT ADDITIONAL DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING

IN-COUNTRY SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR A MINIMUM TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND FOR CHILEAN NAVY TRANSFER CREW WOULD NEED TO BE WORKED OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ADMIRAL CARVAJAL EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THIS NEWS, SAID THE SHIPS HAD ALREADY BEEN INSPECTED BY CHILEAN PERSONNEL AND GOC ACCEPTS OFFER OF SALE. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE CHILEAN NAVAL ATTACHE WASHINGTON GET IN TOUCH WITH HIS U.S. COUNTERPARTS IMMEDIATELY TO MAKE DECISION ON IN-COUNTRY SUPPORT PACKAGE DURING WEEK DECEMBER 10 AND ARRANGE OTHER NECESSARY DETAILS.

4. IN MY TALKS WITH BOTH MINISTERS, I STRESSED OUR VIEW THAT, IN PRESENT CLIMATE OF OPINION, IT WOULD BE IN BEST INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND OF OUR COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP TO AVOID PUBLICITY CONCERNING SALE OF THESE SHIPS. BOTH MINISTERS UNDERSTOOD THE CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED AND AGREED TO AVOID PUBLICITY.
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